



The Indicator

The Newsletter of the MBUA

Game, Partners,



Myself.

2010 Assignments

Starting in January assignments will be made every day. Please keep calendars updated. Scrimmages begin in less than **60 days**, be ready to work, get in shape now!

Getting Ready:

Strive to be a rule expert before the season. Also learn how to adjudicate each rule. Have an exercise program before the season. Baseball is not an easy game to work.

Assignments:

More umpires are applying to MBUA. Assignments **WILL NOT** be made on years you have been with this association. They will be made on dedication, rules knowledge and hustle.

Commissioner's Corner

Goals for 2010

1. Know the rules and the differences
2. Be a leader
3. Keep paper work on the arbiter updated
4. Before the season go to local High Schools and Colleges and ask to get plate work. Take charge of this.



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Equipment:

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Catcher Skull Cap- Mask Combination:

Illegal- NF- Casebook- 1.5.4.

Legal- MLB- 1-16d.

Clinics:

The Heights School
Sunday, January 17, 2010
12 Noon

The Heights School
Sunday, January 31, 2010
12 Noon

Equipment: Please check equipment and uniforms now. You want to be protected and look sharp during the season. You should buy a new shirt with an MBUA patch and a new MBUA hat. Is all your armor (plate shoes, shin guards, chest protector, mask) gear ready for another season?

Things to Review

Plate Umpires:

- ◆ Always move behind the plate.
- ◆ On ground ball with no runners on, always move up the line to help with a swipe tag and a pulled foot off the base.
- ◆ On fly ball with no runners on base, always move from behind the plate to rule on catch or no catch.
- ◆ When the base umpire goes out in the “A” position, always be ready to make rulings at 2nd and 3rd base.
- ◆ When play is over sprint back to the plate.

Base Umpires:

- ◆ When going out on fly balls in the “A” position- pause, read, and react.
- ◆ When there are fly balls in the “B” position -square your body up to the fly ball.
- ◆ When should you go out in the “A” position versus the “B” position:
 1. When converging outfielders become ready to make a potential catch.
 2. When there are potential catches at the fence.
 3. When there are sinking line drives.



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Our services have been utilized by area baseball leagues since 1920. We service all ages and levels of baseball from Little League to High School to Adult leagues, primarily from March to November.

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